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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Jesse Helms  
United States Senate  
402 Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Helms:

This is in reply to your letter of January 29, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

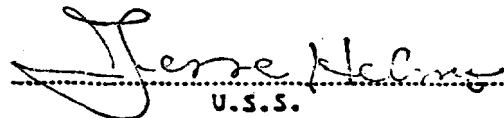
United States Senate

January 29, 1993

Respectfully referred to:

Linda Townsend Solheim  
Director, Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 808  
1919 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

  
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Direct to the attention of:  
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January 19, 1993  
REF: FCC Proposal  
PR Docket 92-235

The Honorable Jesse Helms  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Helms,

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP! DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26TH! We are hobby retailers who sell many radios, radio-controlled models (airplanes, boats, helicopters, and cars) and related hobby products in our store. We also sell trains, model kits, rockets, kites, scientific supplies, etc.

It has come to our attention that the FCC is considering an action that could adversely affect our business and that of thousands of other retailers nationwide like us. We are already struggling for discretionary income in a poor economic climate and saddled with rising overhead costs, taxes, and an unlevel playing field because of discount mail-order that doesn't have to collect and remit North Carolina sales tax. (That's another problem I would like to discuss with you.)

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

The FCC had just granted us use of a wider number of frequencies. Why, in their infinite, bureaucratic "wisdom" are they now going to take them back? The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people from age 7 to 87; is therapeutic; and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE OUR BUSINESS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE BY NOT ALLOWING THE FCC TO CARRY OUT ITS PROPOSAL PR DOCKET 92-235 FOR THE 72-76 HMZ BAND. THE FCC DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 26, 1993. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO STOP THIS.

Sincerely,

*Martha, Pete and Anthony Wiencek*

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